

New Law, New Opportunity for U.S. Citizenship

A new law went into effect Oct. 1 that permits qualified members of the U.S. military to be examined and sworn-in as American citizens at designated overseas locations.

Also, as a part of the same law, qualified military members will not be charged the regular fees when filing for naturalization.

Personnel who have already begun their naturalization process are requested to notify their legal services office as soon as possible to allow a timely and convenient naturalization process.

Previously, applicants had to make arrangements to travel to the United States for the interview and swearing-in process, which involved coordinating leave and travel arrangements with the dates given by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services. As of Oct. 1, military personnel in Italy will be able to make a much shorter trip to Rome to complete their naturalization process.

Any individual who has an N-400 currently pending with the USCIS can either contact their legal services office or send an e-mail to the Rome district office at Rome.Natz@dhs.gov with the following information: name; social security number; alien registration number; date the N-400 was mailed to the Nebraska Service Center; applicant's current duty station; and the applicant's current tour of duty.

Members who have not begun their naturalization process should visit their legal services office for assistance and further information.



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